

Appln No. 09/650,482
Amdt date August 18, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-40 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 1-27 are pending in this case.

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on August 11, 2003, the Examiner required an election of claims from one of three groups of claims, Group I, claims 1-15, Group II, claims 16-27, and Group III, claims 28-40. Applicant's Representative thanks the Examiner for her time and courtesy on this matter. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant confirms the election of Group I, claims 1 to 15. Claims 16 to 27 now depend from claim 1. Claims 28 to 40 are canceled without prejudice as to filing a divisional application as to the non-elected claims.

The amendments find full support in the original specification and claims. No new matter is presented. In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of claims 1-27. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney might expedite prosecution of the application, she is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

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